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AT MY OWN PACE

~ Sharon Pace Arnold, Past President ~

Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.
 4th Tuesday of the Month
 Quarterly General Meetings
 March*, June,
 August, October
 2nd Tuesday of the Month at
 7:00 p.m.
 (*weather permitting)

Executive Board

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 ~ Memorial Garden ~
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 ~ Research Historian ~
 Gordon Richards

After serving as Vice President from the 1994-2000 terms and President from the 2000-2004 terms, it was time for me to step down and volunteer in other areas of the Society. I have promised to volunteer where ever I am needed.

Our new Vice President, Gordon Richards, would really like to have a new President, any volunteers? During the 1993-1994 term the Society was with out a President, with Joan Mensor serving as Vice president. We just followed our constitution.

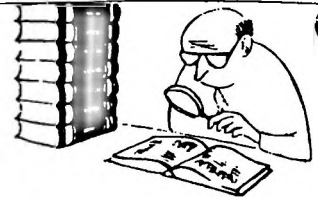
From the slate of officers in the '93-'00 terms 12 officers have moved from Truckee: Joan Mensor, Mary Dutra, Jeramy Johnson, Shirley Mraz, the Mannings, Bob Bosacki, Guy Coates, Ed McMills, Marilou Ficklin, Patt Osborne, Steven Birch, and Garry Hall. Two have passed away, Don Webb and our dear friend Thelma Meiss. Thanks to all of you for your past help.

Over the last four years I have been blessed with an outstanding Executive Board, Board Directors and Chair Directors: Gordon Richards who stepped in to take Guy Coates's place as Research Historian and now Vice President which Guy held for three years followed by Bruce Cornell last year; Chelsea Walterscheid, Executive Secretary and Museum Curator. Judy Dunlap Treasurer and new co-chair of the Grant writing program; Dennis and Beverly Cook Board Director, who has put together our annual election dinners, and Dennis who gets the Rail Road Regulators to volunteer at our Old Jail Museum, the third graders love the show; Sally and Don Colclough Board Director and assistant to Chelsea at the Old Jail Museum, Sally helps with the signs; Steve and Judy Williams Editor of "Echoes From the Past", orders and sells all our publications and new co-chair of the Grant Writing program, Steve fixes our computer; Billie Cornell Membership Chair, Assistant Editor and now our new Corresponding Secretary; Leanne Atwater sells our photos large and small and our book at her store "The Donner Trading Co". Gordon and Judy D. have added many new copies to our photo collection.

Last but not least is Henry Murray Memorial Garden Chair, who has watched over our apple tree with tender loving care. We are looking forward to apple pies or apple butter from Judy D. and Chelsea. Henry has always been available when I needed him for any project. Thanks to all the people who donated to the Memorial Garden in my Mother and Father's name this last spring, the Garden is now in the black after three years.

Also on my list for Thank You's: Carrie Smith, Paul Spensor, Dan and Laura Horman. Every one of the above has done more than their fair share of volunteering. We have worked as a TEAM.

~Gordon Richards, Research Historian ~
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Due to lack of interest, the Historical Research Committee meetings will no longer be held. The Board has decided to implement general membership meetings on a quarterly basis that will emphasize history education and entertainment. The Christmas At The Cabin on December 3 will be the winter meeting. During the summer months, we will have monthly evening field trips to local historical sites.

New Book on Truckee History

The Historical Society is selling a new book. "The Chinese Must Go" is a very readable in depth history of the 1886 Truckee Anti-Chinese Boycott. The author is Wallace Hagaman of Nevada City, who has written two other books on the Chinese in the Grass Valley-Nevada City area.

In the Central Pacific Railroad construction era of the 1860's, the Chinese were invaluable in the grading and blasting of the Donner Summit tunnels. After the construction was completed, many continued living and working in the Truckee area. They were employed as woodcutters, loggers, laborers, railroad maintenance workers, snow shovelers, and as domestic help in the town businesses and homes.

Truckee's citizens and its anti-Chinese faction, The Caucasian League, succeeded in relocating the Chinese from the original Chinatown, to the area now being redeveloped on Southeast River Street in 1878. The economic threat of Chinese workers taking jobs from Americans resulted in a divided Truckee. Many people, led by Charles F. McGlashan, favored the eviction of the Chinese. Several local businesses were slow to comply and were the main focus of the boycott.

In the end, a mostly non-violent, at least according to the McGlashan owned newspaper, boycott of the Chinese and their employers resulted in the complete abandonment of Truckee's Chinatown. The new book is an excellent addition to our book list. The retail price is \$12.95. The other two books by Hagaman, "The Chinese Cemetery at Nevada City" and "Chinese Temples of Nevada City and Grass Valley" are also available in limited quantities. A special price for all three books will be available at the Christmas at The Cabin.

New Photo Book on Truckee-Tahoe History

The Sierra Sun's new book, "A Photographic History- Truckee & Lake Tahoe" is now available. This is a new photo album of historic photos from the Truckee Donner Historical Society, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, and the Lake Tahoe Historical Society. Photos were also provided by TDHS member and Donner Ski Ranch owner Norm Saylor. Sierra Sun publisher Jody Poe looked at every photo in the TDHS collection and selected a varied array of photos. The Sierra Sun donated \$1,000 for the use of the photos and a box of books to the Society. We are also purchasing additional books. The book is available through other outlets, but TDHS members are encouraged to purchase their copies from us. The list price of the photo album is \$39.95.

Echoes from The Past

The history column, Echoes From The Past, which has been running in most Fridays in the Sierra Sun, will now be only twice a month. For the winter months, TDHS member and well known North Lake Tahoe author, Mark McLaughlin will be writing a weather history column on the first and third Fridays. The Sierra Sun is a supporter of the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

Truckee-Donner Historical Societies Annual

Christmas at the Cabin

December 3, 2004

4pm ~ 9pm

10115 Donner Trail Road

Behind PUD at Meadow Park



Books & Historic photos for sale
Vintage Jewelry & Collectibles
Great Gift Ideas ~ Refreshments will be served

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My thanks to all of them for the lovely plaque that was presented to me at the Annual Election Dinner this last September.

Thank You to Joe and Donna Straub who are restoring our flag pole at the Old Jail Museum. I am told that it will be lit with an all weather flag, and at the appropriate height.

There are many exciting things planned for this coming year, starting with our Special Christmas At The Cabin, Friday December 3rd. Looking forward to see many of you there.

Even though it is winter time, we still need VOLUNTEERS.

Wishing Everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving and a Prosperous New Year, 2005.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gordon Richards, Vice President, TDHS
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At the annual elections of officers on September 28, no member in good standing was nominated for the office of President. I was nominated and elected as Vice-President. The office of President shall remain vacant for the time being. At the October 26 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to the delegation of the President's duties. The Society will be operated in accordance to the constitution and with full consensus if the Board. There is precedent for this. In 1993 the President's office was vacant and the society continued to function. Members are encouraged to attend board meetings and become involved in the Society. The next Board Meeting will be a short one on Wednesday, December 1 at the TDHS Cabin at 6PM. We will be setting up for our annual Christmas At The Cabin that night. Normally the Board Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except during Holiday periods. To receive agendas by e-mail contact Gordon Richards.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~



The Old Jail Museum had a successful 2004 season. We had 32 docents helping give tours and keep our doors open to the 2981 visitors! We also took in \$2000.00 in donations, remember we depend 100% on donations to keep the Jail running. Can you believe that many people go through there in a season? Docents, **Thank you so much** for helping us out! The good news is that we were open most of the scheduled time; the bad news is that we were closed some of the scheduled time. Even with our 32 docents, we still found ourselves short of help. Please keep us in mind if you would like to help out at the museum. There will be scheduled training this spring, watch in upcoming newsletters for the dates. Think of how many more visitors and donation funds we can have next year with a fully staffed museum!!

We have exciting things going on at the Jail this winter. While the Jail will be closed for tours, there will be plenty of work going on. We will be moving things around, adding new displays and bringing some things up-to-date. Our rummage and bake sale took in \$1,000.00 which was earmarked for the Jail to purchase new display cases. One thing we really need to do is put our clothing in archival quality cases. This will be an expensive project and probably won't be completed by the spring, but I wanted to keep you updated on our goals. We are more than happy to accept any donations to our display case fund.

We are also working on receiving a grant to replace our leaking roof. We will keep you all updated in future newsletters.

One more thing, East-West Partners donated 17 photo/story boards which they had displayed in their sales office and on location. They are beautiful and will look nice as displays in the Jail. I am very excited to get working in there!

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS:

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: _____

MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL GARDEN (CIRCLE ONE) \$ _____ IN HONOR OF: _____

SUSTAINING \$75.00 _____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS \$25.00 _____ CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 _____

INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 _____ FAMILY \$30.00 _____ BUSINESS \$40.00 _____ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER) \$10.00 _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

NAME: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

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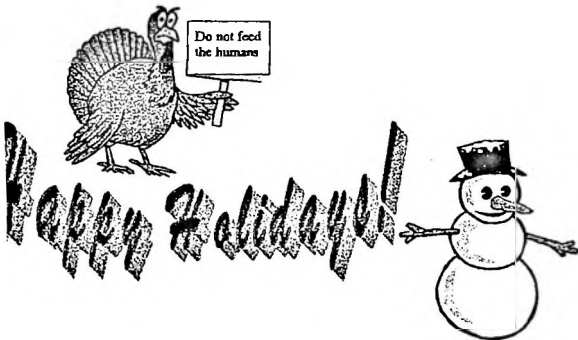
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